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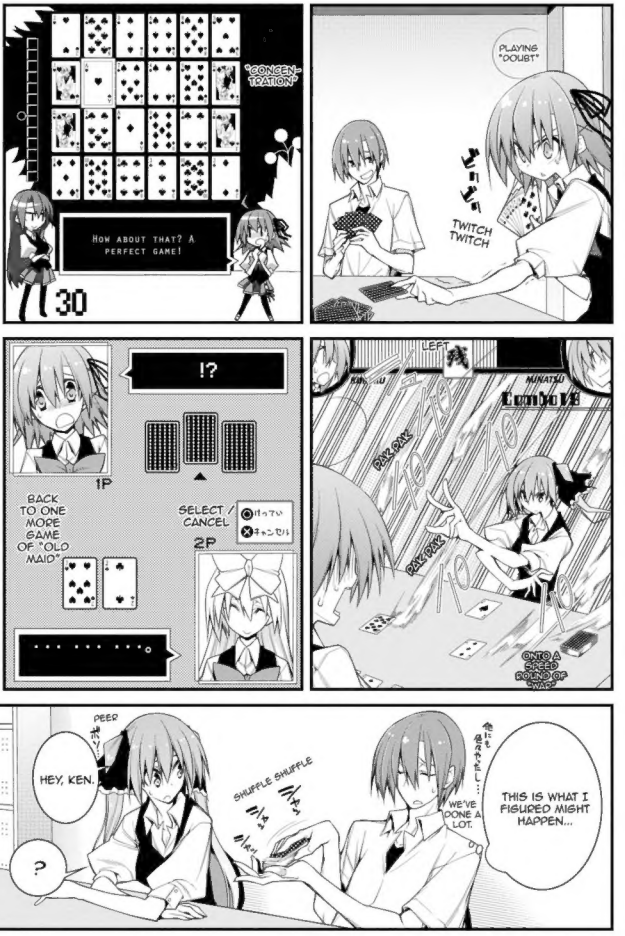
CARDS?
YEAH. LATELY PLAYING CARD GAMES DURING LUNCH BREAKS HAS BECOME POPULAR IN MY CLASS.
WELL, I GUESS CARDS ARE A TREND IN ANY CLASS AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER.
SHALL WE PLAY A GAME? THERE ISN'T ANYTHING PRESSING ON THE AGENDA.
SOUNDS GOOD!
FINE WITH ME.
WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE.

SO IF YOU WIN WE'LL STOP PLAYING, OKAY?
...FINE.
I SUPPOSE A FEW MINUTES WON'T HURT.
EVEN SUPPOSING THERE'S NOTHING TO DO, THIS IS STILL THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM!
ONE MORE TIME!

HOW MANY GAMES WILL THIS BE?
I STOPPED COUNTING AFTER THE THIRTIETH...

YOU'RE DEPRESSINGLY BAD, MADAM PRESIDENT.
GAH! AGAIN, AGAIN!
YOU'VE GOT NO POKER FACE AND NO STRATEGY WHATSOEVER.

FLIP
AGAIN, SHE SAYS...

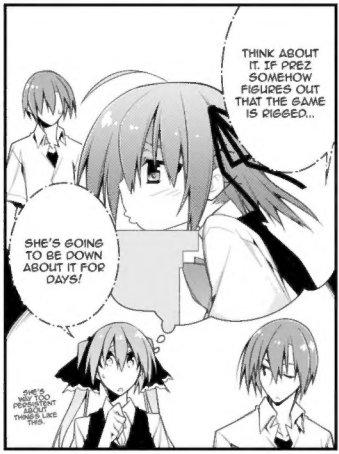

"CONCENTRATION"
HOW ABOUT THAT? A PERFECT GAME!
30
PLAYING "DOUBT"
TWITCH TWITCH
!?
1P
BACK TO ONE MORE GAME OF "OLD MAID"
SELECT / CANCEL
2P
LEFT
KEN-CHAN
MINATSU
PAK PAK
PAK PAK
ONTO A SECRET POUND OF FLESH
PEER
HEY, KEN.
?
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
WE'VE DONE A LOT.
THIS IS WHAT I FIGURED MIGHT HAPPEN...

I THINK CHIZURU AND I WERE ALREADY THINKING THE SAME THING, BUT...

WHISPER
WHY DON'T WE JUST LET HER WIN A ROUND?

BUT WHAT? I'M GETTING EXHAUSTED...
WOBBLE WOBBLE

I GUESS WE HAVE TO ENDURE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MINATSU?
IF SHE'S GOING TO DARKEN THE MOOD FOR WEEKS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SEE THIS THROUGH UNTIL SHE WINS.
I GUESS SO TOO.


THINK ABOUT IT. IF PRez SOMEHOW FIGURES OUT THAT THE GAME IS RIGGED...
SHE'S GOING TO BE DOWN ABOUT IT FOR DAYS!
SHE'S WAY TOO PERSISTENT ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS.

RICH MAN, POOR MAN... I GUESS WE HAVEN'T OVERPLAYED THAT ONE YET.
HMMM
IF WE ALL STEER THE GAME TOWARD A REVOLUTION, EVEN OUR TOTALLY UNLUCKY PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO WIN!
HOW ABOUT "RICH MAN, POOR MAN"?

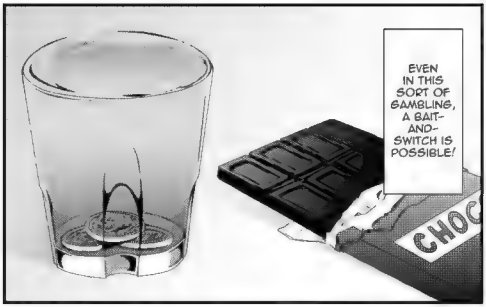
THAT'S THE SORT OF VICTORY YOU'RE AFTER?!
THE ELEMENT OF LUCK ONLY SPOILS THE FIGHT!
I WANT TO SEE SPARKS FLY AS WIT MATCHES WIT, SKILL MATCHES SKILL!
BUT I STILL WON'T BE SATISFIED WITH JUST THAT!

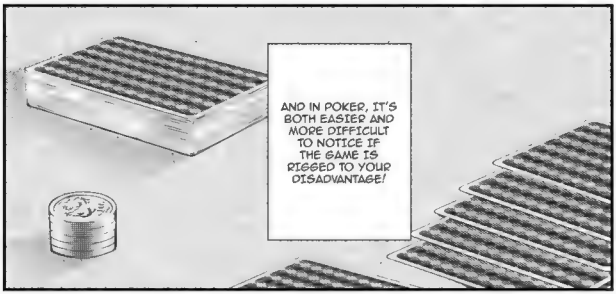
SUDDENLY, IT ALL MAKES SENSE TO SUSISAKI!
!

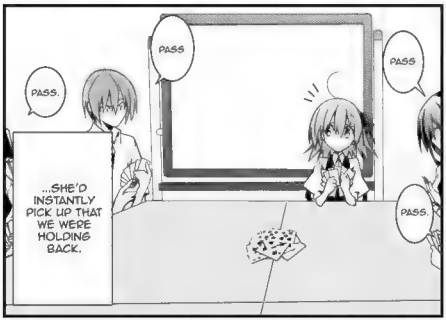
POKER?
WELL, HOW ABOUT POKER, THEN?

CHIZURU AKABA'S STRATEGY
A SCHEME WORTHY OF COPERNICUS!

WE'LL BE OUR OWN DOWNFALL!
WE WON'T HAVE TO LET PREZ WIN IF WE JUST CHOOSE NOT TO.
SO THAT'S IT.


EVEN IN THIS SORT OF GAMBLING, A BAIT-AND-SWITCH IS POSSIBLE!
CHOC
A BAIT-AND-SWITCH!


AND IN POKER, IT'S BOTH EASIER AND MORE DIFFICULT TO NOTICE IF THE GAME IS RIGGED TO YOUR DISADVANTAGE!


PASS.
PASS
PASS
PASS.
...SHE'D INSTANTLY PICK UP THAT WE WERE HOLDING BACK.

IF IT WAS A LONG GAME LIKE RICH MAN, POOR MAN...

HOWEVER, THE LONGER THE COMPETITION CONTINUES THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT SHE'LL SENSE SOMETHING FISHY.
AND BECAUSE OF THE DISCARD RULE, IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER TO PREDICT WHO MIGHT TAKE THE HAND!
BUT IN A GAME WITH SHORT ROUNDS LIKE POKER, THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D PICK UP ON IT.
IF WE ALL JUST PUT FORTH NOTHING BUT PAIRS, SHE'LL BE ONTO US!
STILL.
CHIZURU MUST HAVE A PLAN READY TO LET MEZ WIN BEFORE WE REACH THAT POINT.
?
.....

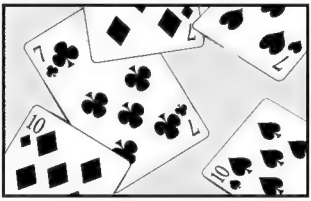
BOOM
LET'S SETTLE THIS WITH POKER.
HUH?
SHUU
SOUNDS FINE--- LET'S DEAL.
FWIP FWIP FWIP
パラララ!
WHA?
GREAT! POKER'S MY SPECIALTY!
GOOD!!
CUMGLE CUMGLE
CUMGLE CUMGLE
WHY IS EVERYBODY LOOKING SO PLEASED?
I'M PUTTING MY HEART ON THE LINE!
BAAA
W-WAIT!
AM I BEING LEFT OUT OF SOMETHING?
LET THE GAME BEGIN!

DUN DUN DUN
DUN
DUN
DUN
GULP
DUN DUN DUN
...FINE.
DRAWING TWO.
FWIP
A COMPLETELY NEW HAND?!
DRAWING FIVE!
DRAWING THREE.
DRAWING ONE.

DRAWWWW!!
PREZ...JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, CAN I SEE WHAT CARDS YOU DISCARDED?
SURE?
ER... NO. I'LL CHECK THEM AFTER I LAY MY HAND DOWN.
YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO CHEAT, RIGHT?
DON'T MIND ME.
...OH MY GOD...
YOU MUST BE JOKING.
SLAM
ME ALSO!
AND ME!
SHOW ME TOO!
BLOOM

WHO CARES ABOUT MY DISCARDS? LET'S GO ALREADY!
DDDD

GAH...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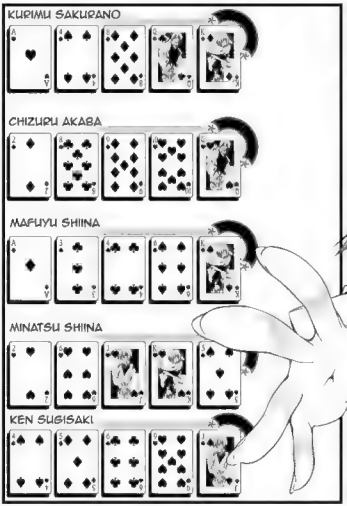
KURIMU SAKURANO
CHIZURU AKABA
MAFUYU SHIINA
MINATSU SHIINA
KEN SUGISAKI

LET'S DEAL!

WELL THEN, WHAT'S NEXT?
HUH?

.....
I WAS HOPING FOR A ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH...
TEE HEE
TWITCH TWITCH

AND WE WERE PLANNING TO END IT WITH THIS...
SHE'S DONE WITH POKER ALREADY?

YES!
EVERYONE! THE BATTLE BEGINS!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

WOBBLE
IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS... LET'S SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE BITTER END!
THE BITTER END? IS THAT WHAT ME WINNING IS?!

CLATTER
HA... HA HA HA HA...

I COULD TELL BY THE LOOK IN HER EYES THAT KURUMI IS FAR FROM FINISHED.
WELL THEN.
ALTHOUGH WE HAD TO BREAK UP THE GAME YESTERDAY WHEN SCHOOL ENDED...
10:30
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
THE REASON WHY THIS FIRE HAS SPREAD AS FAR AS IT HAS IS BECAUSE CHIZURU SUGGESTED POKER!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
DAB
WELL, WHAT ABOUT SUGISAKI'S PROPOSAL TO STOP "WHEN PREZ WINS"?!
W...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE MAFUYU HAD TO BRING HER STUPID CARDS...
TWITCH
OH? DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
ERR... I MISSPOKE
DEATH GLARE

THAT'S RIGHT! THE REASON WE'VE ALL BEEN VICTIMIZED IS BECAUSE OF YOU THREE!
WHAT?!
WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I DID NOTHING AT ALL?
WAIT.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, BUT I DIDN'T MAKE IT WORSE EITHER!

HEY, E-EVERYONE?

SNARL BICKER SNARL
ギャワ
ァナナァ
THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS WORSE THAN IN THE FIRST CHAPTER.
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS DISHARMONIOUS HAREM?
AS THE HAREM KEEPER, I'VE GOT TO STOP THIS.
HEY, NOW...
ペコ
GRIN
ペコ
GRIN
MAY I MAKE A REQUEST?
SHUT IT, KEN!
HUH?!

うわあああ...
UGHHHHH...
やらかした...
I'VE REALLY DONE IT.
...THE BAD ENDING?! DID I CHOOSE POORLY?
IS THIS...
ぐぬぬ...
MOOO...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?
TWITCH TWITCH
SLUMP
RIGHT!
TIME TO RESET THE GAME!
CLICK CLICK
SEE YOU IN THE NEXT WORLD, EVERYONE.
?!
FREEZE!
NOOOOOOOO!

!!
mm...
SQUEEEEEZE
!!

SO SOFT! SO THIS IS WHAT THE HAREM I'VE BEEN STRIVING FOR FEELS LIKE!
ムッハー
HA! HA!
PRESS♥
SQUISH♥
SQUEEZE♥
I'LL USE ALL MEANS POSSIBLE AND WIN ANY FIGHT JUST TO HAVE THIS FEELING!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN RESET NOW AND LET THIS JOY SLIP AWAY!
!!
ガチャ
CLICK
HEY EVERYONE, LET'S PLAY CARD GAMES AGAIN TODAY!

AND WITH THAT, THE CARD GAME WAS FORGOTTEN AMIDST THE NEED FOR A STERN LECTURE.

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episode.20 Don't Trap Yourself Dwelling on the Past! Walk Boldly Forward, Gazing Into the Future!

THE FIRST...
...OFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP GATHERING!

THAT'S WHAT I MEAN!

ぽかーん…
BLINK
HUH?

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS NOW?
HASN'T THIS MANGA BEEN RUNNING FOR TWENTY CHAPTERS ALREADY?

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR TWENTY CHAPTERS, WE STILL DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT EACH OTHER.
WE ALWAYS SHARE MEALS, I'D IMAGINE THERE'S NOT MUCH WE DON'T KNOW...
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG.
MINATSU SHIINA.
YOU'RE AN ATHLETIC TOMBOY WHO'S A SECOND YEAR AT THIS SCHOOL. THAT'S ALL THE INFO I HAVE ON YOU.
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH?
SINCE WE'RE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS, JUST BEING FRIENDLY ISN'T ENOUGH!
WE'RE AN ELITE GROUP, HERE TO REINFORCE THE SCHOOL! CHOSEN WARRIORS! SIBLINGS-IN-ARMS!
WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE FIGHTING, AGAIN?
SOCIAL DISCORD AND ADULT RULES!
.....
I DON'T RECALL THAT

.....
THAT'S WHY WE NEED A FRIENDSHIP GATHERING!
IT'S A HUGE PROBLEM IF YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCH-ING YOUR BACK!

BASI-CALLY...
ガタ
CLACK
I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, PREZ.

??cm
??cm
??cm
YOU'RE WAY OFF!
YOU'RE PLANNING TO SHARE YOUR THREE MEASUREMENTS AND THE COLOR OF YOUR UNDIES WITH EVERYONE, AREN'T YOU?!
SHOCK

IN ANY CASE, FROM THE TOP MINE ARE 85, 75, AND 86 CM, AND I'M WEARING A CLASSY BLACK.
NOBODY ASKED!
MAFUYU, STOP TAKING NOTES RIGHT NOW!
HUH?
YOUR TURN, PREZ! IN THE NAME OF KNOWING EACH OTHER BETTER!
EEW
カアア
SEXUAL HARASSMENT WON'T BE TOLERATED!
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...

...ISN'T IT A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT EACH OTHERS' PASTS?
!!
?!
ERR...
WELL....
LIKE...
IF YOU TOOK ANY TRIPS WHEN YOU WERE A KID, OR...
.....
THAT...
. KIND OF THING.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO IT TOO DEEPLY.
ER.. UM.
オロ ... オロ

S-SUGI-SAKI?
SMACK
TWITCH
ポロポロ…
DRIP DRIP
AW...
!!
WHAT HAVE I DONE, MAKING PREZ CRY? ALL SHE WANTED WAS TO GET CLOSER TO US.
PREZ...
I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNGER STEPSISTER AND A GORGEOUS CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
DEEP BREATH
SUGI-SAKI...
ACTUALLY, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I HAD A THING GOING ON WITH BOTH OF THEM AT ONCE...

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE MAKING UP STORIES...
BLINK
しれっ…
SHOCK
ガビーン
YOU THINK MY PAST IS ALL MADE UP?

YOU CAN'T BLAME ME, CAN YOU?
WHY NOT?!

SO WITHOUT EVEN TOYING, YOU WERE ALREADY BLESSED WITH A HAREM SITUATION?
AH... I GUESS?
SO YOU WERE DUMPED, THEN?!
ONE OF THEM IS MY SISTER! CAN YOU BE DUMPED BY FAMILY?!
BOO HOO HOO

IT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING, BUT I CAN BE PRETTY APPEALING TO GIRLS WHEN I TRY!
LIKE AT A RENDEZVOUS POINT?
PLEASE, STOP RUINING MY CHARM WITH YOUR WEIRD INTERESTS!
WELL, I CAN IMAGINE YOU APPEAL TO CERTAIN OLDER LADIES?
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE A MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN?! I'M TALKING ABOUT GIRLS MY OWN AGE!
.....
THAT'S HARD TO IMAGINE...
THEY ALL SAID, IN 4.0 SURROUND SOUND...!
ガーン
SHOOOCK

BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR STEPSISTER AND YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND?
HEH, WELL...
IF THEY EXIST, WHY GO ON AND ON ABOUT HAREMS?
FINE, FINE, LET'S ASSUME THAT SUGISAKI IS HOT.

SISTER AND FRIEND
義妹と幼馴染。
ASUKA AND RINGO... OUTSIDE OF THOSE TWO, I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN WOMEN.
WELL... AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN HAREMS AND SUCH.

SO HOW'D YOU END UP DEGENERATING INTO WHAT WE HAVE HERE?
AN ALTER-NATE-UNIVERSE "GOOD TWIN" SUGISAKI?
IF YOU GOT RID OF MY STRANGE EROTIC OBSESSION, YOU'D FIND SOMETHING CLOSE TO THE MIDDLE-SCHOOL ME.
THAT'S ALWAYS THE WAY IT WAS?

SO THEN WHAT?
YOU TRIED TO DATE BOTH AT THE SAME TIME?
YEP.
AND THE TRAUMA OF THAT EARLY ROMANTIC EXPERIENCE FORMED YOUR CURRENT HAREM FIXATION...?
RIGHT AGAIN.

YOU'RE THE ARCHETYPE OF A SCUMBAG!
HUH?!
YOU JUST NOTICED?

I GUESS WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT LIKE THAT, I DO SEEM LIKE THE WORST HUMAN EVER. YOU GOT ME!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF VICE PRESIDENT!
CHEERS TO THE ENDLESSLY FORGIVING STUDENT COUNCIL.
WHAT KIND OF FRONT ARE YOU PUTTING ON, YOU SCUMBAG?!
SQUEEZE

SCRUFF
WITHOUT REALIZ-ING IT..
IT REALLY WAS A LOUSY MOVE, I'LL ADMIT.
SUGI-SAKI?
HEH.
TWIST
I DEEPLY HURT THE TWO WOMEN WHO WERE MORE PRECIOUS TO ME THAN LIFE ITSELF.
CRINKLE
I...
I...

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE A CRUEL PERSON AT ALL, SUGISAKI!
YOU MIGHT BE PROMISCUOUS WHEN IT COMES TO WOMEN, BUT...
BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'D INTENTIONALLY HURT A GIRL!
THANK YOU.
CLATTER
ガタ
MAFUYU...
BUT THE FACT IS, I DID HURT THEM.
TWO PEOPLE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING TO ME. AND IT HURTS TO LOOK BACK ON THAT FACT.
SUGI-SAKI..
I HAVE NO FAITH IN BOYS AT ALL...
...AND I KNOW TOO WELL THE DEPTH OF YOUR IRRESPONSIBILITY.
STILL.

I ALSO KNOW YOU'D NEVER STOOP SO LOW AS TO HURT SOMEONE WITH YOUR SELFISH SCHEMES.
!
THOK
I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO GIVE US AN EXCUSE TO STICK IT TO YOU, BUT YOU COULD AT LEAST TRY TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED.
SRIN
EVERYONE HERE SYMPATHIZES WITH YOUR FEELINGS.
TO ME...

ONE DAY, MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND ASUKA CONFESSED HER FEELINGS FOR ME.
SINCE I'D LIKED HER ALL ALONG TOO, WE NATURALLY STARTED DATING.

...THEY WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

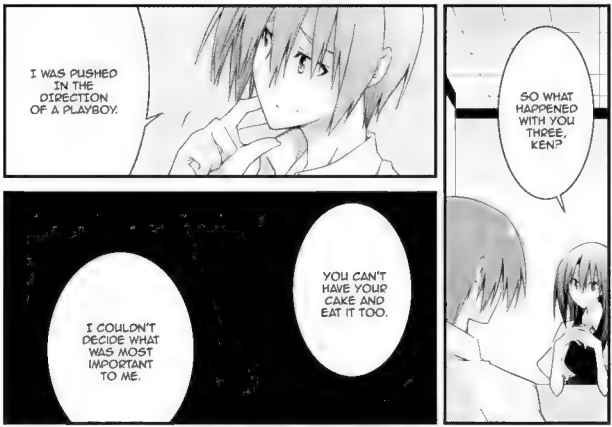
INCI-DENT?
I'LL SPARE YOU THE DETAILS.

BUT MY SISTER WOULDN'T HEAR OF IT, AND THERE WAS SOMETHING OF AN INCIDENT.

ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER, AND MY SISTER'S MIND BECAME MORE AND MORE UNSTABLE.

MY SISTER WAS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT TO ME, SO I OFTEN WATCHED OVER RINGO AS SHE RECOVERED.
WE WERE FORCED TO PLACE HER IN A HOSPITAL.
HOSPITAL
I GREW APART FROM ASUKA.
AND THEN...
PEOPLE STARTED WHISPERING THAT YOU WERE TWO-TIMING?
YOU NAILED IT.

THAT'S NOT TWO-TIMING AT ALL! YOU WERE JUST CARING FOR YOUR SISTER, RIGHT?!
IT'S LIKE...
...IN MY ACTIONS, THAT'S TRUE, BUT MY HEART REALLY WAS SPLIT BETWEEN THEM.
ALTHOUGH ASUKA AND RINGO WERE BOTH DEAR TO ME, I FAILED THEM BOTH.
SO I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY I CHEATED ON BOTH OF THEM.
BUT...


I WAS PUSHED IN THE DIRECTION OF A PLAYBOY.
SO WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU THREE, KEN?
YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO.
I COULDN'T DECIDE WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME.

OUR PROTAGONIST, KEN SUGISAKI, FELL FROM GRACE AND HEADED TOWARDS A BAD ENDING.

AND SO ENDS PART ONE OF MY TRAGIC PAST!
SILENCE
ERR...
I THOUGHT IT'D BE BEST TO WARM UP THE ROOM, BUT NOW EVERYONE JUST SEEMS MISERABLE...
D-DON'T WORRY, EVERYONE!
PLUS...
I KNOW I SAID WE WERE DATING, BUT WE NEVER WENT PAST HAND-HOLDING!
THE FIRST TIME I ACTUALLY HAD...
NO ONE CARES ABOUT THAT!
SMACK

YEAH.
LIFE EXPERI-ENCE?
IT WAS A GOOD LIFE EXPERIENCE.
IT'S THAT EVENT THAT MADE ME THE PERSON I AM TODAY, AND GAVE ME THE RESOLVE TO BE *THIS* KEN.
I DON'T FORCE MYSELF TO PRIORITIZE THOSE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO ME ANYMORE.
I'M A MAN WHO HOLDS ON TO WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO HIM AND DOES WHATEVER HE CAN TO NOT LET GO!
THAT'S WHAT I RESOLVED TO BE.

PART TWO!
?!
SO THAT'S WHY YOUR HAREM DREAM...
HUH? ERR... NOT EXACTLY.
THE TALE OF KEN SUGISAKI, PART TWO: A CHANCE MEETING WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT A "CHANCE MEETING," BUT WE JUST MET THIS SPRING...
NO.
FOR ME, IT WAS AT LEAST EARLY SUMMER LAST YEAR WHEN I MET HIM.
HUH?
AND I MET HIM LAST FALL IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
NO WAY!

THE SHOCKING FACT IS THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT OUT!
AND I MET SUGISAKI WHEN I WAS STILL A THIRD-YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT, THE WINTER BEFORE I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL.
ガビーン
WHAAAA
NO WAAAAAAY!
WHA?
LEFT OUT? I MET YOU BEFORE ANYONE ELSE, IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR.
AND SO, THE STORY OF OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER...
CAN YOU JUST LET ME START THE NEXT PART OF MY STORY?
WHAT HOUR, WHAT MINUTE, WHAT SECOND, AND WHERE?!

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episode.21 Go Play a Dating Sim! Put Yourself in the Position of the Main Character!

SUSISAKI BEGAN HIS CONFESSION WITH THESE WORDS.
I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNGER STEPSISTER AND A GORGEOUS CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
A PAST WHEN HE HURT THOSE MOST IMPORTANT TO HIM...

"I'LL NEVER REPEAT THOSE MISTAKES!
I'M AIMING FOR THE HAREM ENDING WHERE EVERYONE IS SMILING IN JOY," HE SAID.
AND SO, SUGISAKI BEGAN THE STORY OF HOW HE FIRST CAME TO MEET KURIMU SAKURANO...
THE PRESIDENT, SURPRISED, BEGAN TO REALIZE WHERE HIS HAREM FIXATION ORIGINATED.

IT WAS IN THE SCHOOL HALLS.
I FIRST MET YOU, PREZ, ON A SUNNY DAY AFTER SCHOOL.
CONSIDERING YOUR EARLIER STORY, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY.
BECAUSE OF MY MIDDLE SCHOOL CIRCUMSTANCES, I REJECTED OTHERS AND BLOCKED MYSELF OFF.

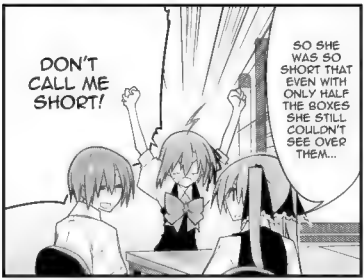
THAT'S WHEN WE MET.

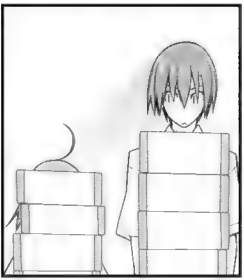
HUP!
HUP!
WIGGLE
?!
BOBBLE
THAT WAS THE VICE PRESIDENT...
HOLY...!!
WHOOOAA-AAAA!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

THAT WAS OUR FIRST MEETING.
IS THAT SO?

ARE...YOU OKAY?
SWEAT
SWEAT
EVEN WHEN I'D LOST ALL INTEREST IN OTHERS, I COULDN'T JUST LET THAT GO.

BUT ISN'T IT WEIRD THAT MADAM PRESIDENT WOULDN'T REMEMBER THAT?
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE...


DON'T CALL ME SHORT!
SO SHE WAS SO SHORT THAT EVEN WITH ONLY HALF THE BOXES SHE STILL COULDN'T SEE OVER THEM...



WHA-AA-AAT?!
WE WERE BEING VERY CAREFUL AS WE WALKED, SO IT MUST HAVE TAKEN WELL OVER TEN MINUTES FOR US TO GET THERE.
DURING THE TRIP FROM THE LIBRARY ON THE THIRD FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL ROOM, WE CHATTED QUITE A BIT.
FLAIL
FLAIL

SO THROUGH A SERIES OF EVENTS, I ENDED UP HELPING YOU OUT.

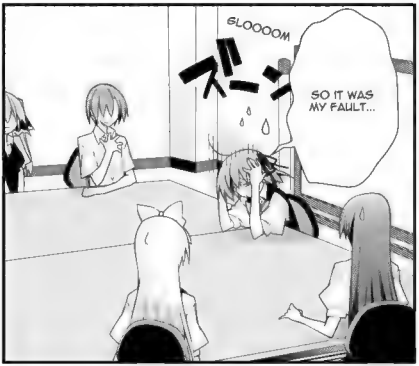
AND THEN, POEZ, YOU...
EVEN NOW, I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD HAVE DONE.
DURING THAT TIME, I DROPPED MY GUARD AND STARTED CONFIDING IN YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

FOR THOSE REASONS, WITHOUT EVEN MEANING TO, WE SPENT A LONG FEW MOMENTS TOGETHER

GO PLAY A DATING SIM!
PUT YOURSELF IN THE POSITION OF THE MAIN CHARACTER!

HUH?

?!
BUT, SWEETIE, I REMEMBER THERE WAS A TIME WHERE YOU WERE TOTALLY INTO DATING SIMS.
I...I WOULD NEVER SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
AH.
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE SO MOVED BY THE STORY OF ONE DATING SIM A FRIEND HAD RECOMMENDED THAT YOU FOUND YOURSELF IN TEARS.
THAT CRAZY IDEA STRUCK A NERVE IN ME SOMEHOW.
TRY TO REFER TO THAT AS YOUR MODEL FOR LIVING!
TRY TO SEE YOURSELF AS THE HERO OF ONE OF THOSE GAMES!
LOVED BY EVERYONE, COMMITTED TO THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS...


GLOOOOM
ズーン
SO IT WAS MY FAULT...

I BECAME DEEPLY ENGROSSED IN EROTIC ROMANCE SIMS.

HUH?
BUT... YOU REALLY SAVED ME WITH THAT ADVICE.

BUT DATING SIMS?!
ONCE AGAIN GLOOOOM
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

YOU GUIDED ME WHEN I HAD NOTHING GOOD IN MY LIFE.

IT WAS A SHOCK TO ME.
WITH ALL THOSE DIFFERENT OUTCOMES...
IT MAY BE RIDICULOUS, BUT...
IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE A FUTURE WHERE EVERYONE IS SMILING WAS POSSIBLE.

A LOT OF DATING SIM PROTAGONISTS FIND THEMSELVES IN THE SAME SITUATION I WAS IN.
LITTLE SIS
HERO
FRIEND
BUT SOMEHOW, DESPITE THEIR STRUGGLES, THEY ALWAYS FIND HAPPINESS IN THE END.

WHY COULDN'T IT BE THE SAME FOR ME?

THAT WAS ONE YEAR AGO.
I'LL BRING HAPPINESS TO THE FACES OF THE MANY GIRLS WHO END UP BY MY SIDE.
I WILL BE THE HERO.

CHIZURU COMFORTED ME, AND MAFUYU CHEERED ME ON.
PREZ GAVE ME THE CHANCE, MINATSU PUSHED ME TO ACTION.

I'VE BEEN WORKING AT BEING A BETTER PERSON FOR A WHOLE YEAR, AND I'M WAY DIFFERENT THAN WHO I WAS WHEN I STARTED.
I TACKLED MY JOB, MY STUDIES, AND MY DATING SIMS WITH EVERYTHING I HAD.
STUDY
WORK
GAME
SO I CAN SAY WITH CONFIDENCE...
ALL BECAUSE I JOINED THIS COUNCIL.
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM

I LOVE YOU ALL.
OH YOU...
HEHEH...
VERY VERY MUCH.
AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU...
I THINK YOUR LOGIC'S A TOTAL MESS, THOUGH
YOU'RE MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT, ACTUALLY...
...I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU ALL VERY HAPPY!

WAIT. SO HOW'D YOU MEET EVERYONE ELSE, THEN?
YOU WANT TO KNOW?
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...
I'M SAYING WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL THIS STORY NOW!
IT WAS ONE YEAR AGO, AND A BITINGLY COLD BREEZE WAS BLOWING...
IT'S GETTING LATE, SO MAYBE...
I DO, BUT I GUESS I'VE HEARD THE STORY I WAS MOST INTERESTED IN ALREADY.
I'M INTERESTED IN HEARING, BUT NOTHING TOO SEXY!
TOO BAD...
WE'RE JUST GETTING TO THE JUICY PART, AND YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT?

I GUESS IT IS THAT TIME. SHOULD WE JUST CALL IT A DAY?
MY STORY ISN'T WORTH GOING HOME LATE FOR.

IS THAT SO?
IT'S ONLY THE STORY OF HOW I MADE KEN INTO A REAL MAN...
IT GETS PRETTY DEEP AT TIMES...
REAL...?

IT'S JUST ABOUT HOW I RESCUED KEN AFTER HE COLLAPSED IN THE SNOW...
IT SOUNDS SO PREPOSTEROUS... IT'S THE ONE I'M MOST INTRIGUED BY!

MY STORY SHOULDN'T KEEP ANYONE FROM GOING HOME EITHER.

E... "EXPERIENCE"?!
IT WAS ACTUALLY MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH A BOY...
THAT WAS A DIFFICULT TIME.
YES.
SWIRL SWIRL
GOING TO A GIRLS' academy FOR MY WHOLE LIFE, I'D NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE LEND MY SHOULDER TO A BOY...
WHY DO YOU ALL SAY EVERYTHING IN SUCH MISLEADING WAYS?!
気になるよ！
I'M VERY INTERESTED!
NOT VERY INTERESTING?!
WELL, IT'S NOT A VERY INTERESTING STORY, SO LETS ALL GO HOME...
AWWW ...
BUT IF WE DON'T GO HOME SOON, THE SHIINA SISTERS WILL MISS THEIR BUS.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, ON A TERRIBLY STORMY NIGHT, A HOODED MAN APPEARED.
HE WAS CARRYING A MAGNIFICENT SWORD IN ONE HAND AND A CRYING BABY IN THE OTHER, AND HE WAS BLEEDING FROM A DEEP WOUND.
I KNEW IT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL STORY!
SO EXCITED!
AND SO I BEGAN MY STORY ...

ANOTHER EPISODE THAT ENDS WITH THE PREZ GETTING TRICKED...

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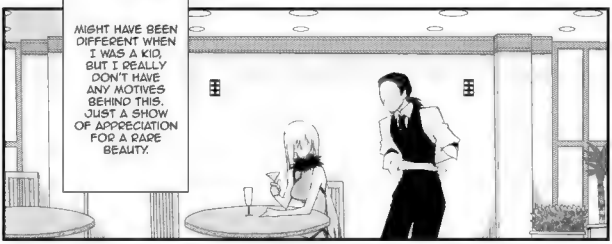
episode.22 It Seems That "Hard-Boiled" Actually Means a Way of Cooking Eggs

カラン
RING RING
カラン
WELCOME. HAVE A SEAT!
Seitokuin
Tokyo
I'LL HAVE THE REGULAR, BOSS.
YOU GOT IT.
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE I STARTED COMING TO THIS BAR?
THE FIRST TIME, I WAS JUST A KNOW-NOTHING KID...
NOW I'M PRETTY MUCH A CELEBRITY AROUND THESE PARTS.
WHEREVER I GO, I'M HAUNTED BY MY PAST... SEEMS LIKE THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I CAN GET ANY PEACE THESE DAYS.

YEP. JUST ANOTHER TYPICAL DAY.
BUT THIS TIME... I NOTICE SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
MUSHMUSH
MUSHMUSH

COMING HERE IS JUST PART OF MY ROUTINE NOW.
FLICK

HEY, BARTENDER. SEND THAT GIRL A MARTINI FROM ME.
SURE THING.
NATURALLY, I TREAT HER.


MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT WHEN I WAS A KID, BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY MOTIVES BEHIND THIS. JUST A SHOW OF APPRECIATION FOR A RARE BEAUTY.

SLOSH
SLOSH
CLINK

THANKS FOR THE DRINK.
NO PROBLEM AT ALL, BEAUTIFUL.

...
YOU SEEM INDIF-FERENT
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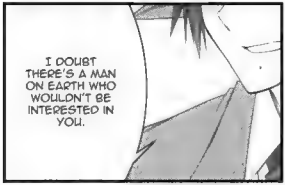
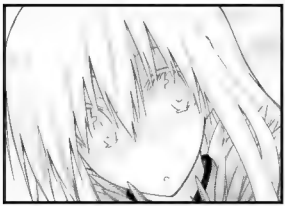

I DOUBT THERE'S A MAN ON EARTH WHO WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN YOU.

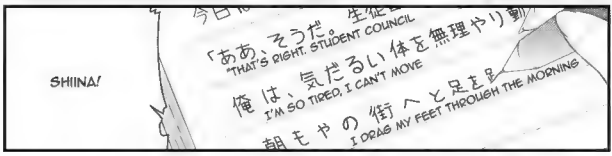
OH?
COULD IT BE YOU HAVE INTENTIONS TOWARD ME, THEN?
NAH. JUST SHY.



...THANKS.
AND WHAT WE DO FROM THERE IS A BIT MORE VULGAR, SO TO SPEAK.

SWISH
LEAVING ALREADY?
YOU WON'T TELL ME YOUR NAME?
BETTER FOR BOTH OF US THAT WAY.
AH. SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE?
YEP. YOU OUGHT TO LISTEN TO YOUR ELDERS.
RIGHT. BUT...

SAD TO SAY, BUT THOSE HAPPY COINCIDENCES ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN IN THIS WORLD.
I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN.
BOTH OF US KNOW THAT, BUT STILL...
I'LL SEE YOU AROUND... DEFINITELY.
SLAM
バタン
WELL THEN.
SLIP
スッ
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND ON TODAY'S SCHEDULE...
ANOTHER DAY ON THE JOB.



BUT EVERYONE LISTENED TO IT DURING THE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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episode.23 Only a Chosen Hero Can Be Entrusted with the Fate of the World... Doesn't That Appeal to You?

I JUST DON'T GET WHAT PEOPLE LIKE ABOUT ROLE-PLAYING GAMES!
BOOM
WHAT'S WITH HER?
A STUDENT IN HER CLASS SKIPPED TODAY TO BUY THE LATEST RPG...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND DOZENS OF HOURS MESSING AROUND IN ONE GAME JUST SO YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE STORY, WHY NOT JUST GO SEE A MOVIE OR SOMETHING?!
MADAM PRESI-DENT...
ARE YOU DECLARING WAR AGAINST ME?
EEEEEK!
SHOCK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

SQUEAK!
EVEN WITH THAT CHALLENGE, I STILL WON'T BACK DOWN!
THAT'S RIGHT!
RPGS ARE JUST WORTHLESS ENTERTAINMENT!

I'M GOING TO BRING AN RPG NEXT WEEK.
YOU TRY PLAYING IT, AND IF YOU HAVE EVEN A LITTLE FUN, THEN YOU TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID.
FINE, HERE'S A CHALLENGE FOR YOU...

ON THOSE CONDITIONS, I ACCEPT!
TWITCH
TWITCH
YOU'RE SHAKING...

IF YOU DON'T ENJOY IT AT ALL... WELL THEN...
...AT THE NEXT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY I'LL OPENLY TELL EVERYONE, "GAMES SHOULD BE PLAYED IN MODERATION!"
MY POLICY IS A LIMIT OF ONLY 22 HOURS OF GAMES A DAY!

JUST REMEMBER!

I WON'T BE GOING EASY ON THE GAME! IF IT CAN'T WIN OVER EVEN A DEEPLY MISTRUSTFUL PERSON LIKE ME, IT WON'T PASS THE TEST!
THAT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON.

WITH THE COMBINED POWERS OF SIS, SUGISAKI, AND AKIBA...
...I'LL CREATE AN ORIGINAL RPG FOR YOU!
WE GOT ROPED IN?!

WE'LL START IN ONE WEEK'S TIME.
FINE.
JUST BE READY FOR MY A-GAME!
ISN'T KURIMU THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING READY?

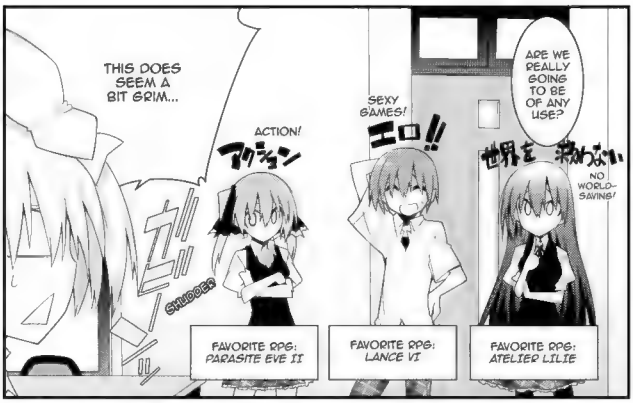
AFTER SCHOOL...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SO.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU THREE TO COME UP WITH SOME GOOD IDEAS.
I WANT IDEAS FOR THE PLOT, SCENARIO AND GAMEPLAY.

I'LL USE MY PRODUCTION TOOLS TO MAKE THE PROGRAM.

EVEN SAYING THAT...


THIS DOES SEEM A BIT GRIM...
SHUDDER
ACTION!
アクション
SEXY GAMES!
エロ!!
世界を 求めない
NO WORLD-SAVING!
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO BE OF ANY USE?
FAVORITE RPG: PARASITE EVE II
FAVORITE RPG: LANCE VI
FAVORITE RPG: ATELIER LILIE

NO, EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE IF YOU ALL JUST FOLLOW MY LEAD AND STAY POSITIVE!

!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALL UP TO SOMETHING QUITE INTERESTING.

MS. MAGIRU!
ALLOW ME TO HELP.
FINALLY, HER NAME!
STUDENT COUNCIL SUPERVISOR SATORI MAGIRU
MS. MAGIRU, YOU PLAY GAMES?!
PLEASE, YOU MUST BE JOKING.
I SEEM
I HAVE A SPECIAL KNACK FOR DECONSTRUCTING THE GAMING MIND! I'LL BE VERY USEFUL!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND USEFUL AT ALL!

ARE YOU JUST LONELY?
S-SURE...
C'MON, LET ME IN!
AWW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT! LET'S GET TO TEACHING SAKURANO THE JOY OF ROLE-PLAYING GAMES!

ERRR...
YAYYY?
LET'S DO THIS, EVERYONE!

AND THEN.
WHY WON'T THIS END?!
FLOWCHART
フローチャート
EVERYONE WORKED HARD, UNTIL VERY LATE EACH NIGHT.

AND SO THE GAME CREATION BEGAN.

ONE WEEK LATER.
THEY SAY THAT ALL RPGS ARE, IN ESSENCE, THE STORY OF ONE CHOSEN HERO ENTRUSTED WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD.
YAWN
THAT PERSPECTIVE DOESN'T APPEAL TO ME AT ALL.
SLEEEEPY
THEN WHY DON'T YOU PROVE THE PUBLIC WRONG?
WELL, ANY-WAY...
JUST GIVE IT A TRY.
IT'S FUN.
...WHAT-EVER.
TAP

TOISEKAI
十異世界
ターナルクリムゾン
ETERNAL CRIMSON
GUN GUN GUN
GU GU GU
GUNNNNNN

NO, "TOISEKAI." IT'S A WONDERFUL NAME FOR A FEW REASONS.
- MEANS "TEN UNCANNY WORLDS"
- CAN ALSO MEAN "A FARAWAY WORLD"
- ANAGRAM FOR "STUDENT COUNCIL"

JUSEKAI? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

HUH?
HUH?

WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY RELATE TO THE GAME CONTENT ANYWAY.
YOU REALLY WENT ALL OUT, DIDN'T YOU?

OKAY, I'M STARTING!
NOTHING'S EVER REALLY "FINAL" IN THE GAMING WORLD AND "DRAGONS" AREN'T REALLY IMPORTANT TO THE "QUEST"...
LIKE...
HA HA HA
WELL, TITLES NEVER REALLY MATTER, RIGHT?!
NOTHING HAPPENS WHEN I PRESS THE BUTTONS.
ERR...
カチ
TAP
カチッ
TAP
I GUESS THERE ARE COMMANDS THAT HAVE TO BE LEARNED, BUT I THINK YOU'RE GOING ABOUT IT WRONG.
WE TRIED TO GET THE PLAYER USED TO THE MORE COMPLEX CONTROLS RIGHT FROM THE START.
異世界
-エターナルクリムソン-
TOISEKAI: ETERNAL CRIMSON
BLEEP
NewGame
Continue
IS THERE ANYONE ALIVE WHO COULD FIGURE THAT OUT THAT COMMAND INPUT ON THEIR OWN?
YOU'VE GOT TO HIT UP, X, DOWN, AND THEN ROTATE THE STICK TO START.

ON THE DAY THAT KURIMU CHERRYNO TURNED SIXTEEN...
THE MAIN CHARACTER'S NAME IS FIXED AS KURIMU?
WE MADE THE GAME FOR YOU, AFTER ALL...
.....
I'VE GOT TO DEFEAT THE DEMON KING!
HUH?
WHY ARE YOU JUST SITTING THERE? YOUR FOOD IS GETTING COLD.
.....
WHAT?

DEAR...
LOOK, KURIMU.
IT'S NOT A FEVER...
MAYBE SHE'S STILL HALF-ASLEEP?
I'M TOTALLY SERIOUS!
I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A VERY GOOD DOCTOR...
PAT
I'M COMPLETELY HEALTHY!
AND WITH THAT, I'M OFF!
CLACK
WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN YOUR PAJAMAS?!
AND SO THE CURTAIN LIFTED ON KURIMU'S ADVENTURE.
WAIT WAIT WAIT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WELL, YOU WERE THE MODEL!
ISN'T THERE A LOT THAT'S WEIRD ABOUT THAT INTRO?
DOESN'T KURIMU SEEM LIKE SHE'S JUST A LITTLE BIT... OFF?
WHAA
I'D LIKE TO, BUT I DOUBT I CAN CROSS THIS POISON SWAMP...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SMALL STUFF. YOU SHOULD START HEADING TOWARD THE FIRST VILLAGE.
I SEE.
SO I HAVE TO SEARCH FOR THAT ITEM BEFORE I CAN REACH THE VILLAGE.
NO...
IN RPGS, YOU OFTEN HAVE TO ACQUIRE A SPELL OR MAGIC ITEM THAT WILL LET YOU CROSS.

COMMANDS
TALK
STATS
EQUIP
MAGIC
ITEM
SPELL
▶ AVOID PAIN
TARGE
KURIMU
ISN'T THAT JUST A FAKE CHALLENGE, THEN?!
YOU ALREADY HAVE THE SPELL "AVOID PAIN," SO JUST CAST THAT AND HEAD TOWARD THE VILLAGE.
じゃぽっ
SPLISH
じゃぷっ
SPLISH
MADAM PRESIDENT, IF YOU DON'T HURRY THE SPELL WILL WEAR OFF...
.....
IT'S EVEN LESS INTERESTING THAN I IMAGINED..
ARE YOU STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THE APPEAL OF RPGS, MADAM PRESIDENT?
I FEEL LIKE THIS ISN'T WHAT MOST PEOPLE THINK OF WHEN THEY THINK ABOUT RPGS
SPLASH
じゃぶ
SPLASH
じゃぶ
SPLASH
じゃぶ
?
SU SU SUSUSU SU
PHEW, I FINISHED CROSSING.

A "SERIAL KILLER" APPEARS!
WAIT, HOW DID I RUN INTO THIS CRAZY ENCOUNTER?
NO WORRIES, HE'S A SMALL FRY.
HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT!
MUAH HA!
▶SERIAL KILLER
▶ ATTACK
MAGIC
ITEM
UMM...
BEEP
COMBAT PROGRESSES AS YOU CHOOSE COMMANDS. FOR NOW, TRY SELECTING "ATTACK."
IT SEEMS MORE SENSIBLE TO "ESCAPE" WHENEVER YOU MEET A "SERIAL KILLER."
WIGGLE
IT'S JUST A GAME.
SMACK!
YAHH!
KURIMU ATTACKS! "SERIAL KILLER" TAKES 50 DAMAGE!

EE-EE-YAH!
"SERIAL KILLER" WAS OBLITERATED!
WHOOSH
LOOK, YOU WON!
YOU'RE THE CHOSEN ONE.
OF WHO? GOD OR THE DEVIL?
"LOOK," YOU SAY?! WHAT KIND OF PERSON AM I THAT I CAN OBLITERATE SOMEONE WITH A SLAP!
A "CREEPY PLAYBOY" APPEARS!
ANOTHER ENEMY?!
.....

SUGISAKI... YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT MAKING PEOPLE BAD GUYS BASED ON THEIR CREEPINESS.
CLACK
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT WAS MY IDEA?!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

KURIMU ATTACKS! "CREEPY PLAYBOY" TAKES A CRITICAL HIT FOR 80 DAMAGE!
SMACK
WHATEVER. "ATTACK."
?

DASH DASH DASH
"LUMPY-FACED PEASANT" ESCAPES!
SAS
AS A RANDOM ELEMENT, PPGS FEATURE A SET CHANCE OF STRIKING AN ENEMY'S WEAK POINT.
W-WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
ONE CRITICAL STRIKE CAN CAUSE A SPECIAL ATTACK.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CRITICAL STRIKES, BUT ALL I DID JUST NOW WAS SMASH UP HIS FACE!

"CREEPY PLAYBOY" TURNS INTO A "LUMPY-FACED PEASANT"
YEEK!
POP!

KURIMU HAS GAINED A LEVEL!
LEVEL?
LEVELS ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF RPGS.
WHEN YOU DEFEAT AN ENEMY, YOU GAIN EXPERIENCE POINTS, WHICH STACK UNTIL YOU REACH A SET AMOUNT THAT RAISES YOU TO A NEW LEVEL.
WHAT NOW?!
GYA GYA GYA GYAAAN!
I SEE.
EXP
L.U. UP
+ATK
+DEF
+AGL
WHEN YOUR LEVEL GOES UP, YOUR ATTACK AND DEFENSE POWER INCREASES. IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR CHARACTER DEVELOPS.
KURIMU'S HAIR HAS GROWN SLIGHTLY! HEIGHT DECREASED BY 1CM!
WHY?!
I CAN DEVOLVE TOO?!
...WE THOUGHT IT FIT YOU.
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT?!
KURIMU'S CRUELTY HAS INCREASED BY 2! RESISTANCE TO PAIN INCREASED BY 4! KLEPTOMANIA INCREASED BY 3!
WAIT, WHY AM I DEVELOPING IN SUCH WEIRD WAYS?
WE THOUGHT IT FIT YOU.

IT WAS FUN WHILE WE WERE MAKING IT, BUT...
UMM... I DON'T THINK IT'S APPEALING TO HER...
BAMBOO BOOM
...I GUESS THE MOOD GOT A LITTLE WEIRD DURING SOME OF THOSE ALL-NIGHTERS.
LOOKING BACK ON IT, I THINK WE MAY HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE REALM OF BAD GAMES.
はぁ...
SIGH...
WHAT DID WE SPEND ALL WEEK MAKING?

HUH?
THE SCENE CHANGED?
YOU'RE IN THE VILLAGE.
THERE WON'T BE ANY BATTLES HERE. YOU CAN ASK VILLAGERS FOR INFORMATION, HEAR ABOUT THE NEXT QUEST, OR PURCHASE NEW WEAPONS AND ARMOR.
FOR NOW, TRY SPEAKING TO THAT VILLAGER IN FRONT OF YOU.
WEL-COME!
THIS IS THE VILLAGE OF KOGOJI!
FINALLY, THE FIRST NORMAL PERSON I'VE MET IN THIS GAME!

HAHAHA
YESTERDAY A "SERIAL KILLER" MURDERED MY ENTIRE FAMILY, BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT!
WARM GREETINGS TO YOU, ADVENTURER!
A COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR REALITY?!
EVERYONE HAS FEARS AND ANXIETIES OF SOME SORT.
NOLA
BLINK
THAT MAY BE, BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE HIS SITUATION SO DARK!
HOW IS HE GOING TO GO ON LIVING AFTER THIS CONVERSATION ENDS?
LET'S JUST LEAVE THE SMALL STUFF ASIDE AND GATHER SUPPLIES. KUDAKI IS STILL IN HER PAJAMAS, AFTER ALL.
YOU'RE RIGHT!

WELCOME!
FROM WEAPONS TO ARMOR, WE'VE GOT IT ALL!
HUH.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT RPGS, BUT THIS LOOKS NORMAL.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT WEIRDNESS IS ABOUT TO COME, BUT AT LEAST THIS WILL MAKE ME FEEL SAFER!
SPIN
MADAM PRES-IDENT.

!!

TRY PRESENTING THE MEMBERSHIP CARD YOU PICKED UP OFF OF THE "SERIAL KILLER," AND SOMETHING GOOD MIGHT HAPPEN.
AH, LIKE A SPECIAL BARGAIN?
SURE.

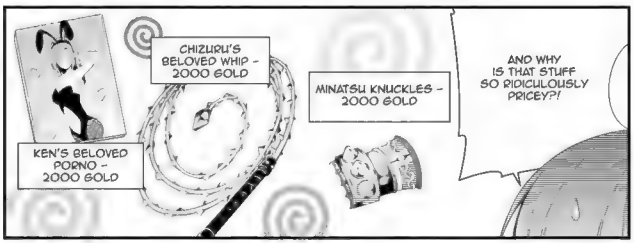
AH, SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE INTO. RIGHT THIS WAY...
HUH?

WHAT?! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS THE ONLY NORMAL ONE...
WELCOME TO THE BLACK MARKET WEAPONS SHOP! BUY WHATEVER YOU LIKE!
HEE HEE HEE

NOT THAT I WANTED TO...
YOU'VE GOTTEN USED TO THIS GAME PRETTY QUICKLY!
WELL, NO SENSE WASTING TIME. LET'S JUST GET THESE SUPPLIES AND GO.
I WONDER HOW MUCH IT COST THEM TO MAKE THIS
LASER RIFLE - 4 GOLD

THAT'S JUST HOW THE WORLD IS...
THIS GAME IS FULL OF BIZARRE PLACES...
A HOLY SWORD YOU CAN JUST BUY IN A STORE?
HOLY SWORD EXCALIBUR - 2 GOLD

WITH THIS MANY OPTIONS, I CAN'T DECIDE.
MEGA PARTICLE GUN - 4 GOLD


CHIZURU'S BELOVED WHIP - 2000 GOLD
MINATSU KNUCKLES - 2000 GOLD
AND WHY IS THAT STUFF SO RIDICULOUSLY PRICEY?!
KEN'S BELOVED PORNO - 2000 GOLD

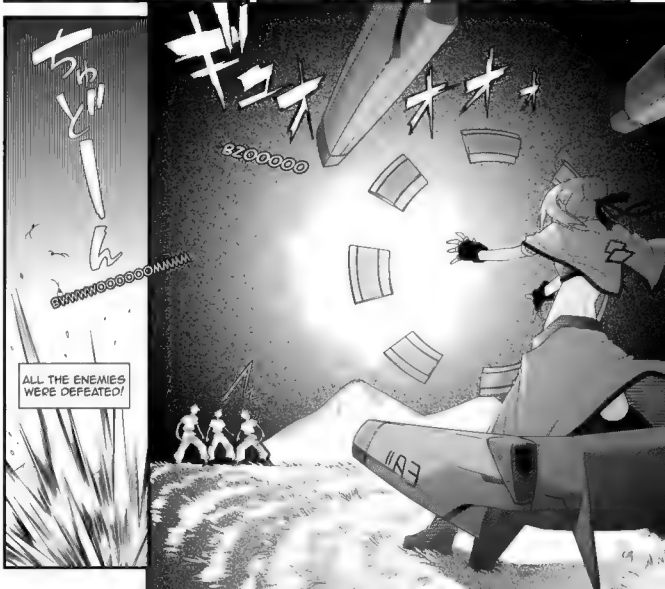
INCLUDING YOU, WE'RE THE FIVE GUARDIANS OF THIS WORLD.
IF I ALREADY KNOW I'M ONE OF THE GUARDIANS, THERE'S NO POINT IN THIS ADVENTURE DEVELOPING ANY FURTHER!
JUST AS THE PRICE SUGGESTS, THE STUDENT COUNCIL SET IS 500 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE MEGA PARTICLE GUN.
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS?!
END GAME? I'M ONLY THIRTY MINUTES INTO THE GAME...
SQUEEZE
WHEN YOU'VE BECOME THE STRONGEST, YOU STILL FIGHT ON TO BECOME MORE POWERFUL! THAT'S CALLED THE "END GAME"!
I'M DEFINITELY FINE WITHOUT COLLECTING ANY OF THAT...
OH, MADAM PRESIDENT! I ALMOST FORGOT, THERE'S A STUDENT COUNCIL ARMOR SET TOO!
CHECK IT OUT!

TALK
MAGIC
STATS
EQUIP
EQUIP
WEAPON: PROTOTYPE MEGA PARTICLE GUN
ARMOR 1: WAR GODDESS ROBES
ARMOR 2: WAR GODDESS CAPE
ACCESSORY: SAINT'S RIBBON
IF YOU CAN SAY A MEGA PARTICLE GUN IS "COMMON"...
THAT'S PRETTY COMMON EQUIPMENT...
OKAY, MADAM PRESIDENT, TIME TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGERS.
IN RPGS YOU CAN USUALLY DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE, AND THERE ARE ALWAYS SIDE QUESTS IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN PLOT.
CONVERSATIONS WITH VILLAGERS WILL GIVE YOU HINTS TO GUIDE YOU.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

WHAT I LEARNED FROM TALKING TO THE VILLAGERS...
...IS THAT I SHOULD FIND AND DEFEAT THE CREATURE THAT'S CAUSING THE TOWN TO SUFFER.
INN
RIGHT! LET'S GO AT ONCE. THE MONSTER'S LOCATION IS AS THE VILLAGERS SAID.
"THE SOUTHERN CAVE," RIGHT? THERE IT IS.
ドゥルルルルルル♪
DU DU DUUUUU DU!
"SERIAL KILLER" X3 APPEAR!
CAREFUL! THEY'RE JUST AS STRONG AS BEFORE, AND IN A GROUP THIS TIME!
"STRONG"...

SCHIIING
KURIMU ATTACKS WITH "PROTOTYPE MEGA PARTICLE GUN"!

VAAAAAA
CHA-CHIK
KA-CHUK


BZOOOOO
SYAAAAAOOOOOOMMMMM
ALL THE ENEMIES WERE DEFEATED!

I DIDN'T KNOW I HAD IT IN ME TO BECOME THE STRONGEST!
CHA CHA CHA CHAAAA!!
チャラララ ラッチャー
OH, I LEVELED UP!
SEEMS LIKE MADAM PRESIDENT IS WARMING UP TO RPGS.
SHE'S NOT ABLE TO RESIST 'EM.
IT'S MOSTLY FROM HER LOVE OF IMPROVEMENT, BUT SOMETHING DEFINITELY REACHED HER.
I STILL THINK WE SHOULD HAVE INCREASED THE DIFFICULTY.
DON'T WORRY, MINATSU. IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR HER.
WHAT SHE LOVES MOST IS THE FEELING OF BEING POWERFUL.
LOOK.

HA... HAHAHA.

HOOOAAAA!!
!!
THANK YOU FOR SAVING US FROM THE MONSTER!
GOD-DESS!
OUR GODDESS!
GOD-DESS!

THAT'S RIGHT, I AM YOUR GOODESS! VILLAGERS! HEAP MORE PRAISES UPON ME!
OH HO HO HO HO!

THE STORY OF KURIMU CHERRYNO WILL CONTINUE!
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SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR FUN, MADAM PRESIDENT...
NOW THAT THIS VILLAGE IS AT PEACE, IT'S TIME TO HEAD TO THE FINAL DUNGEON!
HUH? ALREADY?!
THAT WAS FAST!

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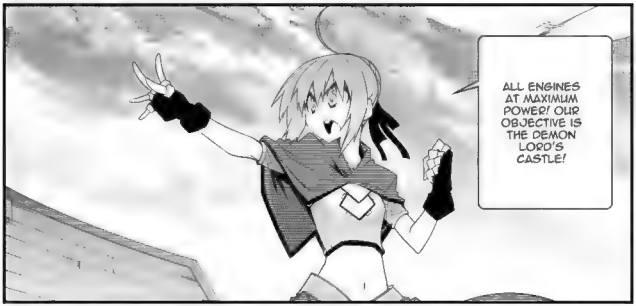
HUH? ALREADY?!
NOW THAT THIS VILLAGE IS AT PEACE, IT'S TIME TO HEAD TO THE FINAL DUNGEON!
I MIGHT BE ASKING THIS A LITTLE LATE, BUT WHAT'S THE FINAL GOAL OF THIS GAME?
IN A GAME EVENT
IT'S OKAY--- YOU'RE ALREADY RANKED FIRST OR SECOND AMONG FIGHTERS IN THIS WORLD.
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THIS MEGA PARTICLE GUN...
HAVING COME THIS FAR, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO DEFEAT THE FINAL BOSS!
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF--- TO DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD!
I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST PART OF MY DELUSIONAL NATURE...
NO, SHE REALLY EXISTS!

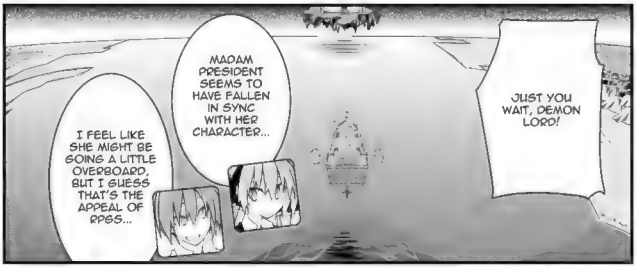
THE DEMON LORD MAGIRU.
NOW THAT I SEE WHO THE MODEL WAS, I ALREADY KNOW I CAN'T HANDLE THIS.
HUH? MAGIRU ISN'T A VILLAIN. HER METHODS MAY BE ROUGH, BUT SHE'S BASICALLY A GOOD PERSON.
THEN HOW CAN YOU CALL WHAT I'M DOING JUSTICE?!
THAT'S JUST IT.
Y-YEAH.
WE CAN'T LET EVIL PREVAIL, CAN WE?
FINE, BUT IF YOU DON'T BEAT HER YOU CAN'T FINISH YOUR GOAL AND CLEAR THE GAME.

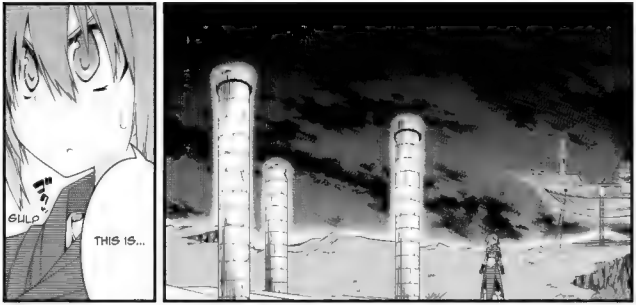
I REFUSE! I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE LAST DUNGEON IF IT MEANS BECOMING THAT KIND OF PERSON!
YOUR CHARACTER IS BASICALLY A SORT OF DEMENTED TERRORIST.
MADAM PRESIDENT, YOU'RE OUT TO SHATTER THE FRAGILE PEACE OF THIS WORLD.

PRESIDENT OF NOT ONLY THE COUNCIL, BUT THE WORLD, TOO!
WORLD COUNCIL PRESI-DENT!!
MOST POWER-FUL?
ONCE MAGIRU IS DEFEATED, YOU'RE THE MOST POWERFUL BEING IN THE WORLD.
THAT'S RIGHT.
HUH?
WHILE IT MAY BE UNJUST, IF YOU DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD THE NEXT RULER WILL BE YOU, RIGHT?
ARE YOU SURE, SWEETIE?

.....
THAT'S RIGHT, I'VE GOT TO DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD!
...FAME!
WHY BE THE HERO OF JUST ONE VILLAGE? YOU COULD CONQUER THE WORLD AND EARN THE DEVOTION OF EVERYONE IN THE WORLD!


ALL ENGINES AT MAXIMUM POWER! OUR OBJECTIVE IS THE DEMON LORD'S CASTLE!


I FEEL LIKE SHE MIGHT BE GOING A LITTLE OVERBOARD, BUT I GUESS THAT'S THE APPEAL OF RPGS...
MADAM PRESIDENT SEEMS TO HAVE FALLEN IN SYNC WITH HER CHARACTER...
JUST YOU WAIT, DEMON LORD!


GULP
THIS IS...

TUU TUU TUTUTUTU
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...THE DEMON LORD'S CASTLE...
CASTLE SECURITY APPEARS!
BWOMMM

KURIMU HIT CASTLE SECURITY FOR 985430 DAMAGE!
BOOM
YOU WEAKLING! OUT OF MY WAY!
CASTLE SECURITY ATTACKS!
WHA?
WHOMP
HE WITH-STOOD IT?!
!!
KURIMU TAKES 100 DAMAGE!
PAT PAT
WELL THEN.
THAT KIND OF DAMAGE DIDN'T EVEN CAUSE AN ITCH!

KURIMU FLEES THE BATTLE!
PATTER PATTER PATTER
I DIDN'T CHOOSE THAT COMMAND!

KURIMU BEGINS TO CRY!
WAAA-AHHHH
I'M SOBBING! IS THAT HOW WEAK YOU THINK MY SPIRIT IS?!

FINALLY, I STOPPED.
GASP
はぁ
TWITCH
...
PHEW...
はぁ
ACTUALLY, WE TRIED TO KEEP THIS GAME TRUE TO REAL LIFE!

WHAT, AGAIN?!
TUU TURU TUTURURU

CASTLE SECURITY APPEARS!
I'M MORE THAN STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM ON, BUT AM I JUST GOING TO END UP FLEEING EVERY TIME?!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

GRIT
IF I RUN FROM THIS, I'LL LOSE MY PRIDE AS THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
NO, THIS WON'T DO!

...
SILENCE
...?
?

CASTLE SECURITY ATTACKS! KURUMU TAKES 10 DAMAGE!
AH!
SLASH!

KURUMU ATTACKS! CASTLE SECURITY TAKES 984980 DAMAGE!
WHOMPH!

SNAP

TREMBLING WITH AN INTENSE URGE TO CRY, SHE STILL HOLDS BACK HER FEAR!
GA-DUM
HUFF ...
GA-DUM GA-DUM GA-DUM
HUFF ...

BUT KURIMU RESISTS!
!!

YOU...

...YOU DON'T SCARE ME AT ALL!
KURIMU HAS NOT LOST HER WILL TO FIGHT!

WELL SAID! I MIGHT BE A BIT CRAZY IN THE HEAD, BUT I CAN STILL DO THIS!
THIS IS IT!
ZBOWWW
CASTLE SECURITY HAS BEEN OBLITERATED!
WITH MY SPIRITS AT THEIR HIGHEST, I STRIDE FORWARD!
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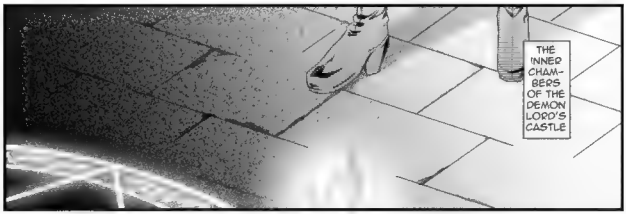
どばーん
SMACK BASH CRUSH
KURIMU HAS GAINED 60,000,000 EXPERIENCE AND SEVERAL LEVELS!
KURIMU, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN...
GAINING VAST AMOUNTS OF EXPERIENCE FIGHTING IN ROLE-PLAYING GAMES... POINTLESS.


THE INNER CHAMBERS OF THE DEMON LORD'S CASTLE

WELL FOUGHT, KURIMU CHERRYNO.

OR IS IT...
SHE SUDDENLY REFERRED TO ME AS THE ACTUAL PLAYER?!
...STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT KURIMU SAKURANO?!

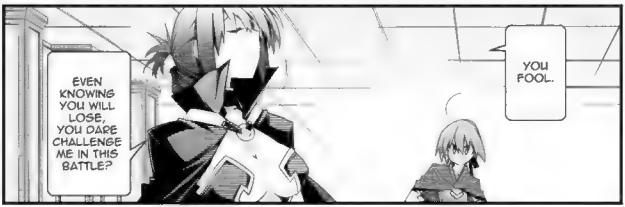
YOU ARRIVED HERE EXACTLY AS I PREDICTED.
THIS MUST BE A VERY FORGIVING GAME FOR EVEN YOU TO GET THIS FAR!
YOU ARE WAY OUT OF CHARACTER, MASIRU!
POINT
HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME!
THIS IS BECAUSE ...
I'VE COLLECTED ALL THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS AND ARMOR AND MAXED OUT ALL MY STATS!
YOUR INSTANT KILL ATTACKS WON'T WORK, AND MY HP AND MP FULLY RECOVER EACH TURN!
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CANNOT BEAT THIS GAME!
WHAT THE HELL?!

ERRR... YOU SEE...
THAT'S NOT ONLY A CHEAP TRICK, BUT IT THROWS OFF THE ENTIRE BALANCE OF THE GAME!
IN OTHER WORDS..
THIS MAGIRU ...
MS. MAGIRU REWROTE THE DATA AND FORBADE US TO EDIT THE GAME.
IS GENUINELY THE STRONGEST!

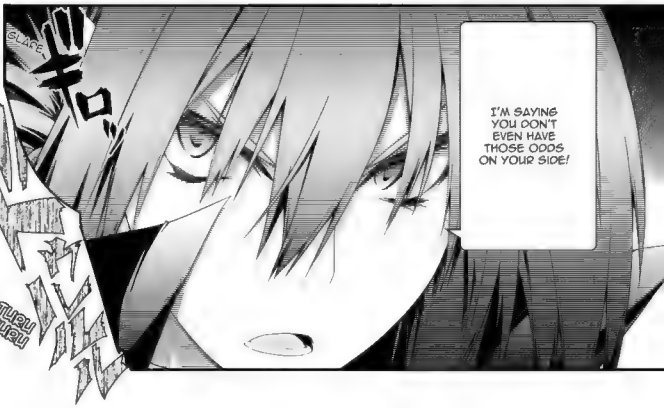
I AM NOT A MONSTER.
HOWEVER, SAKURANO...
IF YOU BECOME MY ACOLYTE, I WILL GRANT YOU HALF OF THE WORLD.
WE CAN RULE THIS PLANET TOGETHER, THE TWO OF US!
?!
.....
DO YOU ACCEPT MAGIRU'S OFFER?
YES
NO

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, TAKING HER OFFER IS THE ROUTE MOST LIKELY TO LEAD TO A HAPPY ENDING.
DON'T ASK ME... MS. MAGIRU IS THE ONE WHO CREATED THIS SCENE.
HEY, KEN.
IS IT OKAY ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL?
ALL WE CAN DO IS WATCH OVER YOU AS YOU DO IT.
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I'VE DECIDED.
WELL THEN.
.....

THE ME OF THE PAST MAY HAVE GLADLY ACCEPTED YOUR OFFER...
BUT NOW...
I CAN'T GIVE IN TO YOU, NOT WHEN I'VE COME THIS FAR!
I...
...I WON'T BE SEDUCED BY A FUTURE OF COMPROMISE!
NOW THAT I UNDERSTAND WHAT I CAN GAIN BY STANDING FIRM, NO MATTER HOW SCARY IT MAY BE...
I WILL PERSIST ON THE PATH OF JUSTICE!
BOOM


EVEN KNOWING YOU WILL LOSE, YOU DARE CHALLENGE ME IN THIS BATTLE?
YOU FOOL.

ONE IN A MIL-LION.
A ONE PERCENT CHANCE IS ALL I NEED TO TAKE THAT GAMBLE!


I'M SAYING YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THOSE ODDS ON YOUR SIDE!
GLARE
TUU TUU TUUUUU!!

SCHIIING
GREAT DEMON LORD MAGIRU APPEARS!
GREAT DEMON LORD MAGIRU MAKES A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE WITH INVISIBLE WEAPON "MU"!
SHHHWAAAA
THE AIR ITSELF SLASHES KURIMU! KURIMU TAKES INFINITE DAMAGE!
!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST KEPT QUIET AND TAKEN ME AT MY WORD...
BOOM

KURIMU USED THE ONE-SHOT SPECIAL POWER "DESIST DIALOGUE" TO RENDER THE LETHAL EFFECT INTO "THAT NEVER HAPPENED"!
WHA...
I'M NOT DONE YET!
GREAT DEMON LORD MAGIRU TAKES 39800 DAMAGE!
REACH!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CATCH ME OFF GUARD AGAIN!
GREAT DEMON LORD MAGIRU'S CERTAIN DEATH ATTACK!
!!
BZZZZ
SO!
YOU MAY HAVE GIVEN ME A SLIGHT SCRATCH, BUT SO WHAT?!
...FARE-WELL, SAKU-RANO!
GAAAAHH!
KRAAAKKK
SQUEEZE
AN ATTACK THAT WEAK WON'T DEFEAT ME!
INVISIBLE WEAPON "MU" SHATTERS KURIMU! KURIMU LIFE FORCE IS SEVERED!
MAGIRU'S HP AND MP HAS FULLY RECOVERED!

!!
NO...
HEH.
THERE IS NOTHING SHE CAN DO NOW THAT HER VERY EXISTENCE HAS BEEN ERASED.
WHA?
BZT BZT
HOW CAN THIS BE?! HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?!
I...
I AM KURI-MU!
ALTHOUGH MY LIFE FORCE WAS SEVERED...
YOU COULDN'T COM-PLETELY WIPE ME OUT!
I STILL...
I'M... NOT DONE YET!
HAH!
HAHH...
KURIMU RECOVERS HER LIFE!

THE PLAYER I'VE ADVENTURED WITH...
I CAN'T GIVE UP ON HER!
BOOM
AS LONG AS THE ONE WHO EXISTS OUTSIDE OF THIS WORLD, THE OTHER HALF OF MY BEING, STILL BELIEVES...
I WON'T REST UNTIL I AM THE STRONGEST IN THIS WORLD!
NO... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
THIS DEFIES ALL LOGIC!
LOGIC? RULES? THOSE ARE...

WHAT I CHOOSE TO MAKE THEM!

WHAT WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?

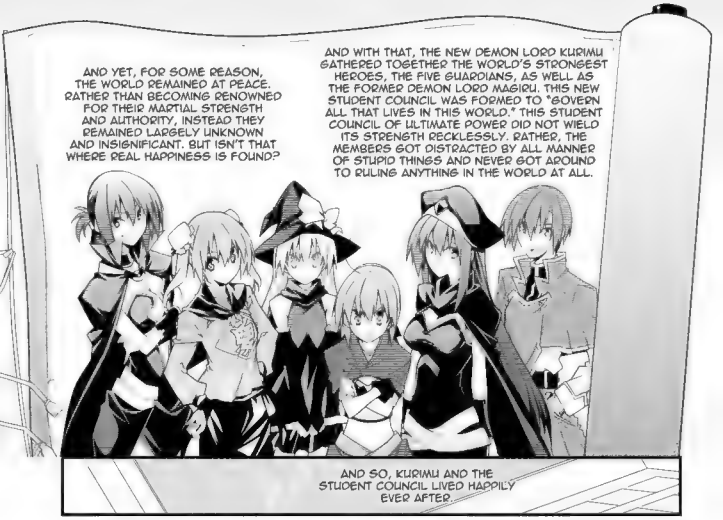
KURIMU ATTACKS!
SLAP

IT'S OVER, MAGIRU.

TEARS APPEAR ON THE FACE OF THE GREAT DEMON LORD MAGIRU! MAGIRU CAN'T CONTINUE THE FIGHT!
DRIP
DRIP
W-WHAT?

SO HOW ABOUT IT, MAGIRU?
THAT'S A FACT FOR ANY HUMAN ANYWHERE.
WITHOUT THE WILL TO FIGHT, EVEN BEING THE STRONGEST MEANS NOTHING.
THIS IS MY LOSS.
THE BATTLE WITH GREAT DEMON LORD MAGINO IS COMPLETE!
YOU'VE BEATEN ME... SAKURANO.

HUUUUUUUUUH
ぽか～ん…
MAGIRU PRETENDS TO BE SO WISE, BUT SHE LIKES REALLY CHILDISH FINALES.
SHE MUST HAVE REMADE IT SO THOSE CHOICES WOULD LEAD TO THAT ENDING.
WHAT'S WITH THAT CRAZY TWIST?!
MS. MAGIRU'S IDEA, RIGHT?
I WAS WORRIED THERE FOR A SECOND, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE REACHED THE HAPPY ENDING.


AND YET, FOR SOME REASON, THE WORLD REMAINED AT PEACE. RATHER THAN BECOMING RENOWNED FOR THEIR MARTIAL STRENGTH AND AUTHORITY, INSTEAD THEY REMAINED LARGELY UNKNOWN AND INSIGNIFICANT. BUT ISN'T THAT WHERE REAL HAPPINESS IS FOUND?
AND WITH THAT, THE NEW DEMON LORD KURIMU GATHERED TOGETHER THE WORLD'S STRONGEST HEROES, THE FIVE GUARDIANS, AS WELL AS THE FORMER DEMON LORD MAGIRU. THIS NEW STUDENT COUNCIL WAS FORMED TO "GOVERN ALL THAT LIVES IN THIS WORLD." THIS STUDENT COUNCIL OF ULTIMATE POWER DID NOT WIELD ITS STRENGTH RECKLESSLY. RATHER, THE MEMBERS GOT DISTRACTED BY ALL MANNER OF STUPID THINGS AND NEVER GOT AROUND TO RULING ANYTHING IN THE WORLD AT ALL.
AND SO, KURIMU AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

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SNIFFLE
ほろ…
SHE'S CRYING

YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE KURIMU IS HAVING MUCH OF A REACTION TO FINISHING THE GAME...

WIPE WIPE
?!
WHAT A WEIRD GAME! I'D NEVER PAY MONEY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
HAHA!
MADAM PRESI-DENT...
!!
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED YOUR MIND AT ALL ABOUT RPGS BEING A STUPID GENRE OF GAMES?
ERR, WELL...
THE STORY IN THIS ONE WAS PRETTY GOOD, BUT COMPARED TO A GOOD NOVEL, OR...
YOU DON'T THINK A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP GROWS BETWEEN THE PLAYER AND CHARACTER IS BECAUSE IT'S AN RPG?
UMM...
ISN'T THIS THE ONLY MEDIUM WHERE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THAT FEELING OF GROWTH?
FINE, I GET IT!
SPIN!
I ADMIT IT!

THE NEXT DAY.

AND SO WE WERE THRUST INTO A NEW NIGHTMARE OF HELLISH WEEKDAY ALL-NIGHTERS... BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.

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公認
Hekiyoh School student council

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COUNCIL'S
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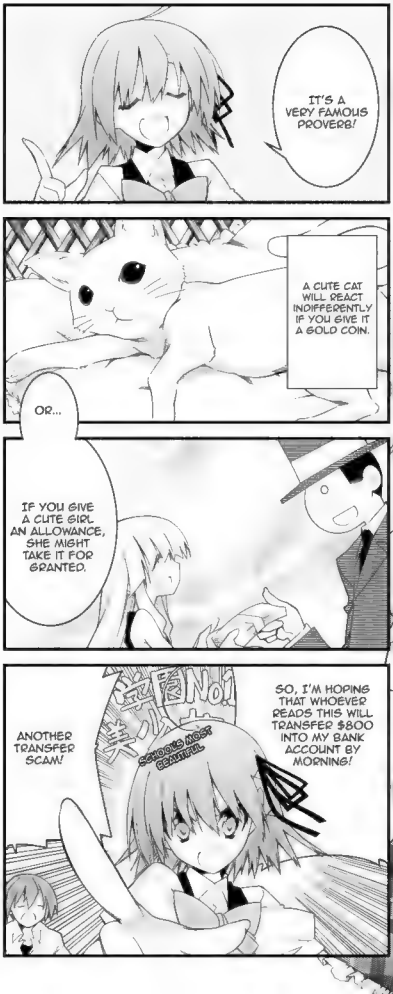
episode.25 Just between us, you can use this chapter to study for a Japanese test!

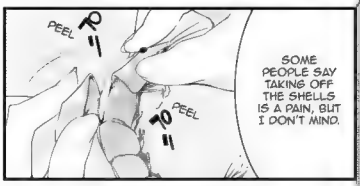

"GOLD BEFORE CATS"
IT'S A VERY FAMOUS PROVERB!
A CUTE CAT WILL REACT INDIFFERENTLY IF YOU GIVE IT A GOLD COIN.
OR...
IF YOU GIVE A CUTE GIRL AN ALLOWANCE, SHE MIGHT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED.
SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T REALIZE THE VALUE OF WHAT THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN.
SO, I'M HOPING THAT WHOEVER READS THIS WILL TRANSFER $800 INTO MY BANK ACCOUNT BY MORNING!
ANOTHER TRANSFER SCAM!
SCHOOL'S MOST BEAUTIFUL

"FOR THOSE WHO SMILE, FORTUNE SMILES BACK"

POSITIVE PEOPLE ARE OFTEN GREETED WITH MORE POSITIVE RESULTS.

BUT I LIKE EATING SHRIMP MORE THAN SEA BREAM!
IF I COULD GIVE THAT FLAVOR A NOBEL PRIZE, I WOULD!

"CATCHING SEA BREAM WITH SHRIMP"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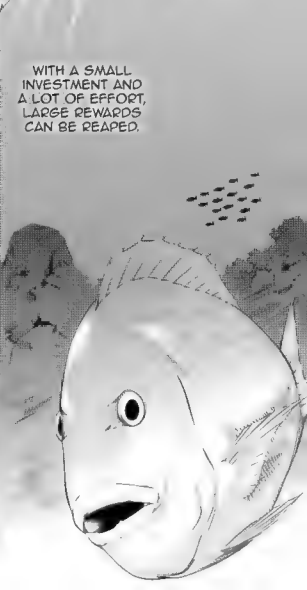
PEEL
SOME PEOPLE SAY TAKING OFF THE SHELLS IS A PAIN, BUT I DON'T MIND.


WITH A SMALL INVESTMENT AND A LOT OF EFFORT, LARGE REWARDS CAN BE REAPED.

SWEETIE, THIS PAGE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT A PROVERB...
OM NOM
IT ACTUALLY TASTES BETTER AFTER A LITTLE BIT OF WORK.

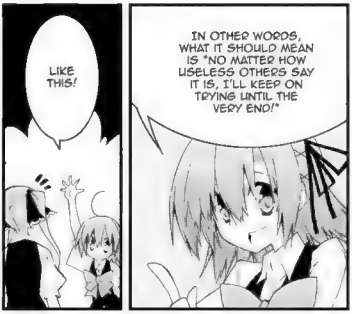
AT FIRST GLANCE, I THOUGHT SAKURANO WAS NOTHING LIKE THE REST OF US.
?
I AGREE THAT I'M ONE IN A MILLION, BUT...

YOU DON'T REALLY LOOK LIKE YOU BELONG WITH US TYPICAL STUDENTS...
?

YOU REALLY FIT BETTER WITH THAT CATEGORY OF PEOPLE.
!!

"LIKE BEGETS LIKE"
THOSE WHO PREFER ONE THING NATURALLY CATCH THE EYE OF OTHERS LIKE THEM.

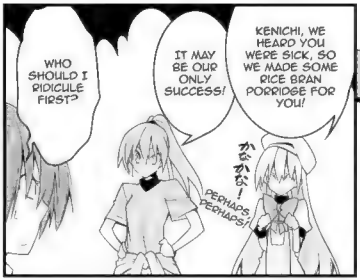
FSSSHHH!!
IT'S HARD TO GET THE MEANING JUST THINKING ABOUT SIZZLING WATER ON HOT STONES.
IT'S BETTER TO TAKE A RISK THAN TO PLAY IT SAFE.


LIKE THIS!
IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IT SHOULD MEAN IS "NO MATTER HOW USELESS OTHERS SAY IT IS, I'LL KEEP ON TRYING UNTIL THE VERY END!"

WHO ARE YOU CALLING USELESS?!
MINATSU, YOU'RE REALLY POURING WATER ON HOT STONES TODAY!

"TO POUR WATER ON HOT STONES"
WITHOUT EFFORT AND SUPPORT, WHATEVER YOU DO WILL JUST FIZZLE AND DISAPPEAR.

"BRIGHT AS A MIRROR, CLEAR AS WATER"
A TOTALLY CALM AND COMPOSED HEART AND MIND, WITH NO NEGATIVE THOUGHTS.
THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE ARE WAY COOL!
LIKE...
KCHK
BRIGHT MIRROR...
FINAL TECHNIQUE OF THE SAKURANO FENCING SCHOOL!
STILL WATER!
FROM THE START THIS WASN'T ABOUT THE PROVERB AT ALL...
HOW RUDE! THESE INSTANT-DEATH TECHNIQUES DON'T NEED TO HAVE ANY REASON FOR A COOL NAME -- JUST APPRECIATE IT!
THE MEANING, YOU ASK?


KENICHI, WE HEARD YOU WERE SICK, SO WE MADE SOME RICE BRAN PORRIDGE FOR YOU!
IT MAY BE OUR ONLY SUCCESS!
WHO SHOULD I RIDICULE FIRST?
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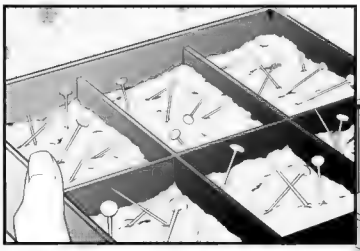
PERHAPS, PERHAPS!

IT CAN'T BE AS BAD AS THE RICE CAKES FROM BEFORE, BUT JUST FOR MY OWN REASSURANCE...



I'M IN A HORROR STORY NOW?!
OKAY, THEY'RE DEFINITELY BULLYING ME NOW.

"A NAIL IN RICE BRAN"
SOMETHING THAT CAN HAVE NO POSSIBLE VALUE

"PEARLS TO A SWINE"

JEWELRY? ARE YOU FINALLY READY TO ACCEPT YOUR TRUE NATURE AND TRY ATTRACTING BOYS?!
I'M THRILLED!
IT'S SCARY HOW YOUR CORRUPTED FEMALE MIND CAN TAKE ANY LITTLE THING AND OVERRIDE ALL SENSE WITH IT!

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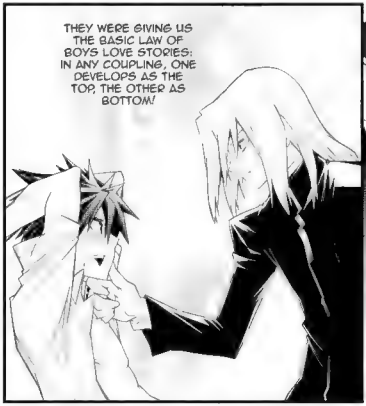
FUAH!
THE GREAT MEN OF THE PAST LEFT BEHIND SOME POWERFUL WORDS!


THEY WERE GIVING US THE BASIC LAW OF BOYS LOVE STORIES: IN ANY COUPLING, ONE DEVELOPS AS THE TOP, THE OTHER AS BOTTOM!

WAIT, WHAT THE HELL?!
SO THAT FATE IS SEALED FOR YOU ONCE YOU FINALLY COUPLE WITH MAMORU (IN THE NOVELS)!
DON'T PARTNER ME UP BASED ON YOUR WHIMS!
ふざけないよっ

"THERE CAN NEVER BE TWO HEROES"
IF TWO COURAGEOUS PEOPLE APPEAR AT THE SAME TIME, RIVALRY AND THE DOWNFALL OF ONE OF THEM IS INEVITABLE.

CHIZURU, A MOMENT?
WHAT'S UP?

IT'S ABOUT THE BUDGET ALLOTMENTS. LOOK...
TAP TAP
AH, I SEE. HOW ABOUT...?

THANKS SO MUCH, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER!
NO PROBLEM. THAT'LL BE $40.
HUH?

KEY, YOU TOOK UP 5 MINUTES OF MY TIME... WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS MONEY.
WHAT KIND OF EXTORTION RACKET ARE YOU RUNNING?

"TIME IS MONEY"
TIME IS PRECIOUS AND EFFECTIVE, SO WASTING IT IS UNACCEPTABLE.

THE LONG-SEALED RED-EYED DEVIL HAS BEEN AWOKEN?!
MINATSU SHINA'S DAILY LIFE

HEKIYO ACADEMY LEVEL 5 ABILITY--
"RISING AIR!"

TRUTH OR FICTION ASIDE, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS GO STRAIGHT TO TRASHY PULP NOVELS?
?!
WHAT

"TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION"
THINGS THAT ACTUALLY HAPPEN IN THE REAL WORLD ARE OFTEN MORE UNBELIEVABLE THAN EVENTS IN NOVELS.

"THERE ARE NO COWARDS UNDER THE COMMAND OF A GREAT GENERAL"
IT'S JUST LIKE THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
WITH ME AS EXALTED LEADER,
I'VE CREATED A SUPERIOR TEAM!
SUPERIOR COMMANDERS DEVELOP SUPERIOR FOLLOWERS,
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MUAH HA HA, YES, BOW BEFORE ME!
I'D BE DENYING MY OWN GREATNESS TOO! I'VE GOT TO CONCEDE!
COLLAPSE
I WANT TO TAKE HER DOWN A PEG, BUT...

SNEEP
SNEEP
THAT'S THE KIND OF THING WRITTEN ON REPORT CARDS TO MAKE FAILING STUDENTS FEEL BETTER!
IT SOUNDS SO PATHETIC THAT I FEEL BAD FOR THE MONKEYS IN THE PROVERB!

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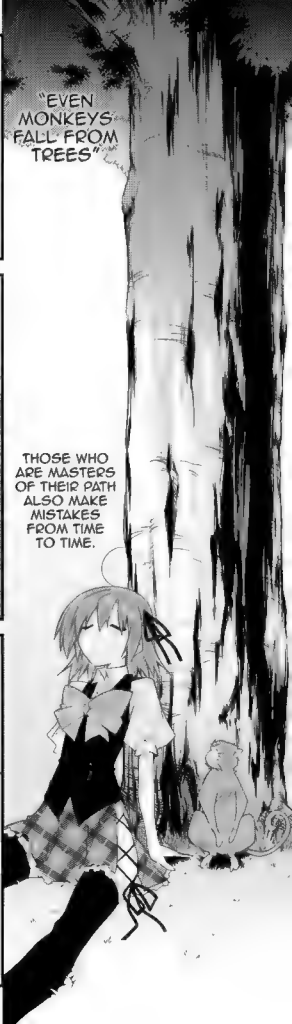
AND IN ANY CASE, I'VE NEVER SEEN NOR HEARD OF A MONKEY FALLING FROM A TREE, EVER!

ALL OF US IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL EXTEND OUR SUPPORT TO THE MONKEYS WHO FEEL BELITTLED BY THIS SAYING.
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
BOW!


"EVEN MONKEYS FALL FROM TREES"
THOSE WHO ARE MASTERS OF THEIR PATH ALSO MAKE MISTAKES FROM TIME TO TIME.

IF ALL STUDENTS, WHETHER FRESHMAN OR SENIORS, REMEMBER THESE WORDS, THEY'LL NEVER BE IN ERROR!
WHICH IS NOT TO SAY THAT ANYONE SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH BEING A BEGINNER FOREVER.
THESE WORDS APPLY TO ANYONE!
NOD
NOD
"NEVER FORGET WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BEGIN"
MANY PEOPLE THINK IT'S EMBARRASSING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND FORGET WHAT IT FELT LIKE FOR THEM.
PEOPLE MATURE SURROUNDED BY A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE.
ALWAYS TRY TO SINCERELY REMEMBER THE TRIALS OF BEING A BEGINNER.
SO PLEASE REMEMBER THAT EVERY-ONE HAS TO START SOME-WHERE.
ALL NEW STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE THESE WORDS TO HEART!

I GUESS I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A TYPICAL STUDENT BEFORE I BECAME COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
WELL...
"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"
AS LONG AS THE CONCLUSION IS POSITIVE, WHATEVER HAPPENED AT THE START AND DURING THE PROCESS ISN'T A PROBLEM.
BEING PRESIDENT IS THE BEST! IT'S SO FUN!!!
YEAH
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WELL...
KEEP ON LUCKY SMILING!
THIS IS THE WORST ENDING...

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WE'RE CELEBRATING VOLUME 4! AND NOW THE REAL HEROINE, MAFUYU, IS FINALLY ON THE COVER!
THAT COVER WOULD MAKE ANYONE'S EYES SPARKLE.
SIGH...
THAT BRINGS BACK MEMO-RIES

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IT'S BEEN NEARLY THREE YEARS SINCE THE SERIES STARTED... SUCH A LONG TIME
CONGRATULATIONS FOR GETTING ON THE COVER ...OR SO I'D LIKE TO SAY...
BUT SINCE THERE'S A SWIMSUIT SHOT ON THE BACK COVER, I THINK THE READERS WILL CONCEN-TRATE ON THAT
THEY'LL PROBABLY REMEMBER THIS AS THE VOLUME WITH THE SWIMSUITS ON THE BACK, RATHER THAN THE VOLUME WITH MAFUYU ON THE FRONT.
WHA?!
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SHOCK
I HAVE A PLAN TO HELP YOU MAKE AN IMPRESSION.
BUT DON'T WORRY. I'M KIND, AFTER ALL.

AND THAT PLAN IS CALLED "AN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A SWIMSUIT FOR A SWIMSUIT."
OH YEAH

ALTHOUGH IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GIRL IN A SWIMSUIT ON THE COVER, IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE FOR IT TO BE YOU...
STAB
OBJECTION!!
SUCH CRUEL WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN SO CASUALLY!

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BODY TYPE, THEN YOU COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT THE PRESIDENT.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT'S WHY SAKURANO IS POSITIONED DOWN WHERE NO ONE WILL NOTICE HER.
WOW
IT'S TRUE...

BACK TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND, I'LL ADD AN ILLUSTRATION OF YOU IN A SWIMSUIT TO THE LAST PAGE OF THIS EXTRA MANGA CHAPTER.
IT'S IN BLACK AND WHITE, BUT A FULL PAGE SHOULD MAKE AN IMPRESSION.
(AND SINCE IT'S A DRAWING, IT SHOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSING.)
OOOHHH!

EVERY NOW AND THEN THE BOOK SHOULD INCLUDE SOME-THING LIKE THIS AS A FREEBIE...
THIS MANGA GOES ON ABOUT HOT GIRLS ALL THE TIME, BUT NEVER GIVES THE READERS ANY FAN SERVICE.

TO BE CONTINUED...

THIS WILL CONTINUE FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

SO IT WOULD MAKE ME VERY HAPPY IF YOU JOINED US FOR THE NEXT VOLUME AS WELL.

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